
HOUSE BILL No. 1260

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-8-10.

Synopsis: County police officer death benefit. Establishes a \$9,000 minimum death benefit for county police officers.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-10-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 14. (a) The department
3 may establish and operate a death benefit program for the payment of
4 death benefits to deceased employee beneficiaries. The department
5 may provide these benefits by the creation of a reserve account, by
6 obtaining group life insurance, or both. ~~However,~~ **Except as provided**
7 **in subsection (c)**, the department may not establish or modify a death
8 benefit program after June 30, 1989, without the approval of the county
9 fiscal body which shall not reduce or diminish any death benefits set
10 forth in any death benefit program that was in effect on January 1,
11 1989.

12 (b) Benefits payable under a group life insurance policy established
13 under subsection (a) must be in reasonable amounts. Benefits payable
14 from a reserve account established under subsection (a) may not exceed
15 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

16 (c) **After June 30, 2007, the death benefit paid by a department**
17 **that has established a death benefit program under subsection (a)**

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1 must equal at least the amount payable under section 14.5 of this
2 chapter.

3 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-10-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 14.5. (a) After June 30, 2007, the
6 estate or the heirs of a county police officer are entitled to receive
7 at least nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) as a lump sum benefit upon
8 the death of the county police officer.

9 (b) A department may establish a death benefit program under
10 section 14 of this chapter to pay the benefit required under
11 subsection (a).

12 (c) The benefit provided by this section is in addition to the
13 death benefit provided under IC 5-10-10-6 when a public safety
14 officer dies in the line of duty.

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